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Dr. Rath graduated from Utkal University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics. He received a master's degree in metallurgical engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1958. Dr. Rath's doctorate in metallurgy was awarded by the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1961.

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